Onondaga Lake Partnership

LTC Hall

Information Briefing – 19 August 2002

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Purpose

Provide information briefing on Onondaga Lake Partnership background, ongoing activities and upcoming challenges and opportunities

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Agenda

- Lake History
- Corps History
- Onondaga Lake Partnership
- Current Corps Activities
- District Assessment
- Challenges
- Opportunities
- Conclusion

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Lake History

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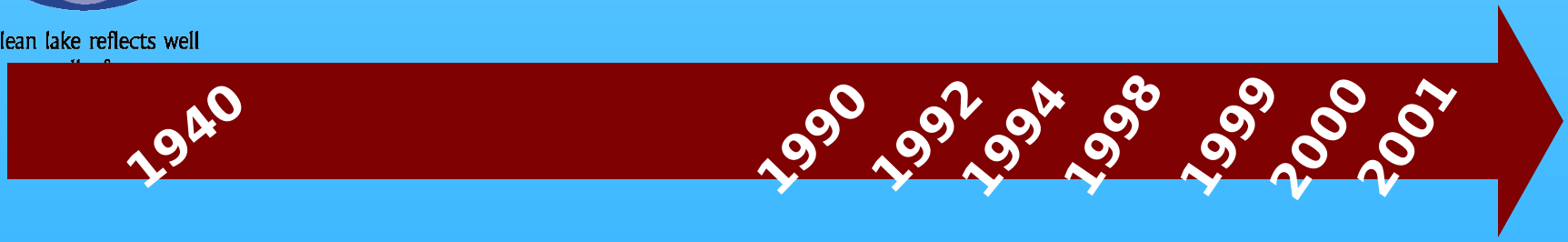
Corps History



1940 Flood Control (Channelization) of Onondaga Creek

1990 OLMC Established (WRDA-1990)

1992 Onondaga Lake Water Quality Technical Report (GI)

1994 Inner Harbor Dredging (GI & CG)

1998 - 2001 Sewer Separation Design (GI)

1998 - 2001 Construct Hiawatha Treatment Plant (CG)

1999 OLP Authorized (WRDA-1999)

2000 OLMC Deactivated **-** OLP Activated (17 Aug 2000)

2000-2002 Corps appropriations coordinated through OLP

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Partners

- USACE
- USEPA
- NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation
- NYS Attorney General
- Onondaga County
- City of Syracuse

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Onondaga Lake Tour Aug 02

Mayor Driscoll

Congressman Walsh

EPA Administrator Whitman

County Executive Pirro

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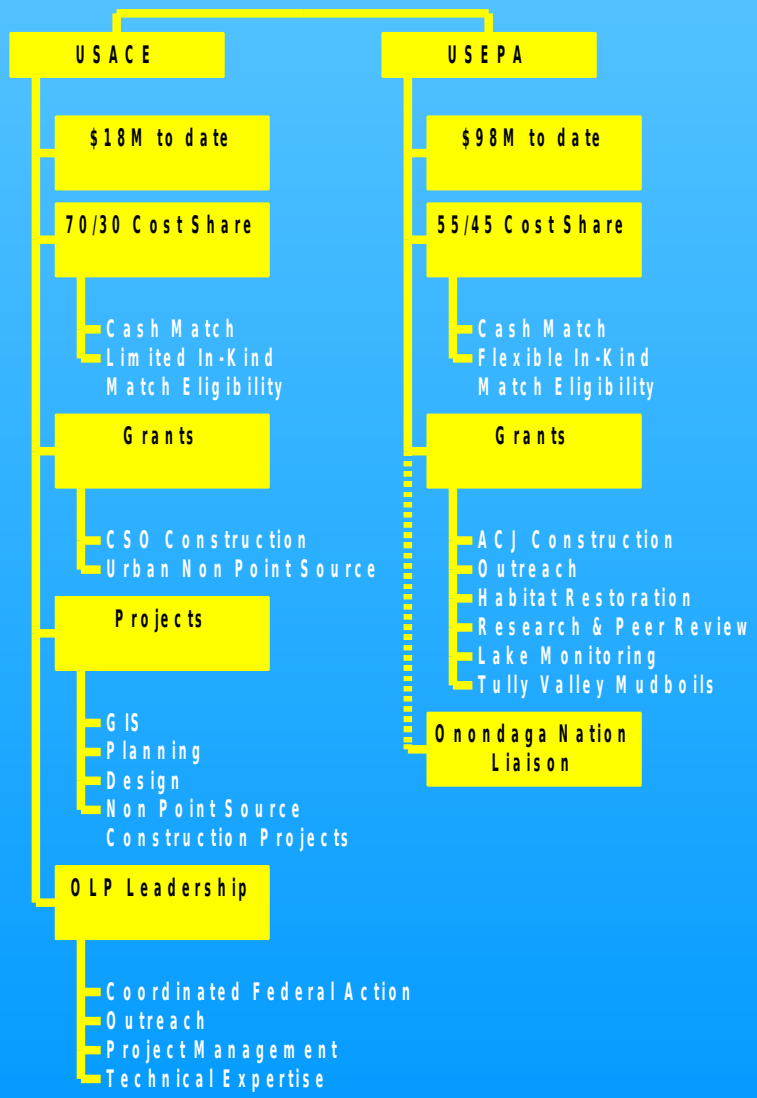
Corps & EPA Partnering



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Mission

- Plan, design, and construct lake and watershed improvement projects
- Environmental restoration, conservation, and management of Onondaga Lake
- Ensure consistency with Onondaga Lake Management Plan (OLMP) and Amended Consent Judgment (ACJ)

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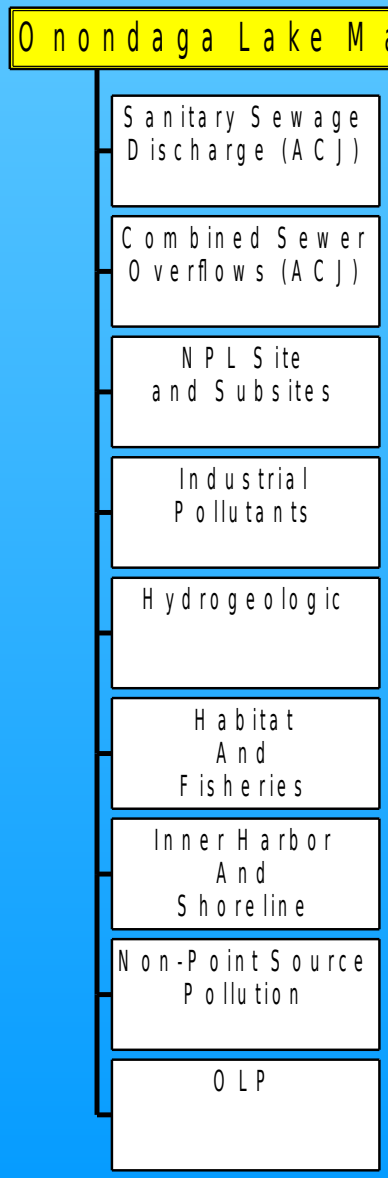

- **METRO Plant – minimal Corps opportunities**
- **CSO Design & Grants - Corps engaged (GI and**
- **NPL - potential Corps opportunities (SFO)**
- **Industrial Sites - potential Corps opportunitie**
- **Mudboils & Modeling - Corps engaged (CG)**
- **Strategic Plans & Designs - Corps engaged (C**
- **Dredging & Design – Corps engaged (CG)**
- **Design & Construction - Corps engaged (CG)**
- **Leadership & Outreach – Corps engaged (GI)**

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Current Corps Activities

Federal Share ($000)	Deliverable	Estimated Completion Milestone
$700 (GI)	OLP Leadership & Outreach	Annual appropriation ($350)
$70 (CG)	OLP Website enhancements	Dec 2002
$175 (CG)	Phase I Geographical Information System	Dec 2002
$175 (CG)	Project Development - Schedules, scopes, cost estimates for future work	Dec 2002
$1,085 (CG)	Lake Trail & Habitat Module Design	Apr 2003
$105 (CG)	In-Lake Oxygenation Design Report	Jun 2003

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Current Corps Activities

Federal Share ($000)	Deliverable	Estimated Completion Milestone
$224 (CG)	Comprehensive Non-Point Source Pollution Control Plan	Oct 2003
$4,340 (CG)	Sewer Separation Construction Grants (2001 & 2002) - 8 CSO Basins	Oct 2003
$193 (CG)	Comprehensive Habitat Restoration Plan	Dec 2003
$235 (CG)	Onondaga Lake Outflow Data Collection	Dec 2003
$1,253 (CG)	Urban BMP Grant & Project: Storm catch basin mapping, design, upgrades	Dec 2003
$700 (CG)	Rural BMP - Streambank stabilization design & construction	Dec 2003

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Current Corps Activities

Federal Share ($000)	Deliverable	Estimated Completion Milestone
$700 (CG)	Surface Watershed Model	Dec 2004
$700 (CG)	Wastebed Stabilization Pilot Project Design & Construction	Dec 2004
$210 (CG)	Groundwater Enhancement Model	TBD (Not Matched)
$245 (CG)	Onondaga Creek Restoration Design	TBD (Not Matched)
$175 (CG)	Phase II Geographical Information System	TBD (Not Matched)

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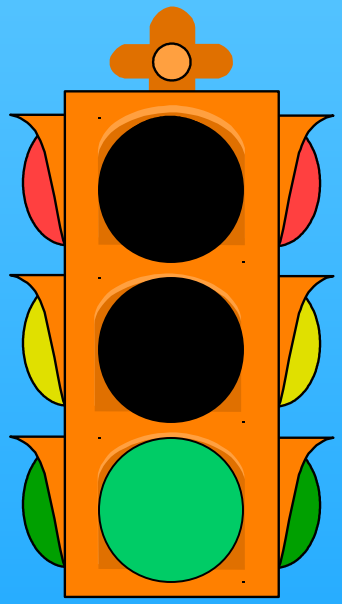
District Assessment

Customer & Stakeholder Satisfaction



- **Overall Assessment: Green**
- City, County, State, EPA = Green
- Public and Media = Amber (↑)
- Scientific & Environmental Groups = Red (↑)

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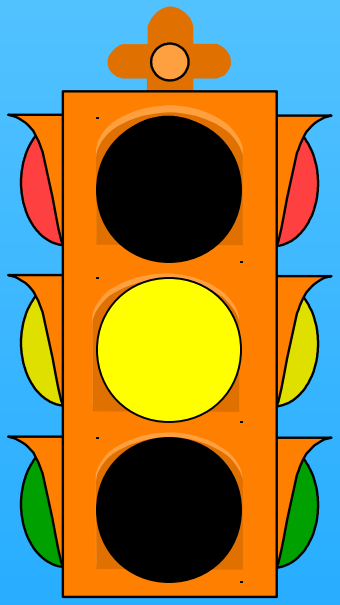
Congressional Satisfaction



- **Overall Assessment: Amber (↑)**
- Senators Schumer and Clinton
- Congressman James Walsh (NY-25)
  - Senior member of appropriations committee
- Accomplishments
  - Schumer: Visit 5 March 2002
  - Clinton: Visit 5 March 2002
  - Walsh: Visits 6 March 2002

Boat Tour with EPA Administrator July 2002

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Challenges

- Non-Federal Sponsors
- Funding Stream
- Corps Administrative Time Requirements
- CG Funds Execution
- Scientific Community - Build Trust

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Opportunities

- Watershed Management Study
- Synergy from Corps leadership and planning
- Enhanced relations with local agencies, institutions, and community groups
- Potential support for others (NYS-DEC or EPA) in contaminated site remediation

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Opportunities

WRDA 2002 Legislative Drafting Services

- Authorize non-profit corporations as sponsors
- Authorize Watershed Management Study

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Conclusion

- Challenging, complex, and dynamic program with key drivers integrated throughout local, state, and federal levels
- Consumes large portion of District time and staff to keep OLP operating and communicating effectively
- We are resourcing the OLP team for success
- Congressman Walsh is most influential Member of Congress for Buffalo District